Polynomial-Time Computation in the Pi-Calculus

A Mild Internship Report

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add(x, y) = x+y
add 0 y = y
add s(x) y = s (add x y)
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(Ungodly mixture of Haskell and Coq)

$$\frac{\exp(x) = 2^{x}}{\exp(x)} = 0$$

$$\exp(x) = 1$$

$$\exp(x) = add(\exp(x), \exp(x))$$

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\frac{\text{add}(x, y) = x+y}{\text{add} \quad 0 \quad y = y}
\text{add } s(x) \quad y = s \quad (\text{add } x \quad y)
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$$\frac{\exp(x) = 2^{x}}{\exp(x)} = 0$$

$$\exp(x) = 1$$

$$\exp(x) = (add \cdot (id, id)) (exp x)$$

- Basic Functions:
 - 1 Constant function: 0
 - 2 Successor function: $x \rightarrow x+1$
 - 3 Projection function: $(x_1,...,x_n) \rightarrow x_k$
- Composition: h(x) = f(g(x)).
- PRIMITIVE RECURSION:

$$f(0,\vec{n}) = g(\vec{n})$$

$$f(s(x), \vec{n}) = h(x, f(x, \vec{n}), \vec{n})$$

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add(x, y) = x+y
add 0 y = y
add s(x) y = s (add x y)
mult(x, y) = x*y
mult 0 y = 0
mult s(x) y = add (y (mult x y))
exp(x, y) = y^x
exp \quad 0 \quad y = 1
exp s(x) y = mult (y (exp x y))
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\frac{\exp(x) = 2^{x}}{\exp 0} = 1
\exp s(x) = (add (exp x, exp x))
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\frac{fac(x) = x!}{fac \quad 0} = 1
fac \quad s(x) = mult \quad (y \quad (fac \quad x))
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add s(x) y = s (add x y)
mult(x, y):
mult 0 y = 0
mult s(x) y = add (y (mult x y))
exp(x, y):
exp 0 y = 1
exp s(x) y = mult (y (exp x y))
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• Stephen Bellantoni, Stephen Cook (1992).

SAFE RECURSION:

f(x, y):

$$f(0, \vec{n}; \vec{s}) = g(\vec{n}; \vec{s})$$

 $f(s(x), \vec{n}; \vec{s}) = h(y, \vec{n}; \vec{s}, f(x, \vec{n}, \vec{s}))$

 The class of safe recursive functions is equal to the class of polynomial-time functions.

$$P,Q:= 0$$
 null $| a(x) > 0$ output $| va.P > 0$ new $| a(x).P > 0$ input $| P > 0$ parallel $| P > 0$ choice

Communication:

$$a(x).P \mid \overline{a}\langle b\rangle \rightarrow P(\text{where x is replaced by b}) \mid 0$$

 $\rightarrow P[b/x] \mid \overline{a}\langle b\rangle$

• val = 1,00,000
$$\overline{a}\langle m\rangle \mid a(x)\,\overline{x}\langle \text{val}\rangle \mid \overline{a}\langle n\rangle$$

$$\longrightarrow \qquad \overline{m}\langle \text{val}\rangle \mid \overline{a}\langle n\rangle$$
 or,
$$\overline{a}\langle m\rangle \mid \overline{n}\langle v\rangle$$

• m = 20, n = 13
$$vw.(\overline{a}\langle w \rangle | \overline{w}\langle m \rangle) \quad | \quad a(x).x(p).\overline{x}\langle val \rangle \quad | \quad vu.(\overline{a}\langle u \rangle | \overline{u}\langle n \rangle)$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \overline{w}\langle val \rangle \quad | \quad (\overline{a}\langle u \rangle | \overline{u}\langle n \rangle)$$

bad

• Extra: NUMBERS!

$$n := 0 \mid succ(n)$$

Number n = 0?

•
$$!s(x).\overline{s}\langle x+1\rangle \quad | \quad (\overline{s}\langle 5\rangle \mid s(x).P)$$

• r: return channel

$$|s(x,r).\overline{r}\langle x+1\rangle$$
 | $vr.(\overline{s}\langle 5,r\rangle | r(x).P)$ magic!

$$\cdot !P \equiv (!P \mid P)$$

A calculus for parallel computation



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!add(x,y,r).match
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$$[x = 0]\bar{r}\langle y \rangle + [x = s(x')]vc(\overline{add}\langle x', y, c \rangle | c(v)\bar{r}\langle s(v) \rangle)$$

$$[x=0]\bar{r}\langle 0\rangle +$$

$$[x = s(x')]vc,vd(\overline{\text{mult}}\langle x',y,c\rangle \mid c(t)\overline{\text{add}}\langle y,t,d\rangle \mid d(v)\overline{r}\langle v\rangle)$$

Why do we want to use types?

Many processes can have meaningless computations.

For example we don't want to do:

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x = ''Imperative programming''; y = x + 1
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Similarly,

$$vw.(\overline{a}\langle w\rangle \mid \overline{w}\langle 20\rangle) \mid (a(x).\overline{a}\langle x+1\rangle)$$

• Type mismatch! Breaking expectation.

$$N := \mathbb{N} \mid \operatorname{ch}(N_1, \dots, N_k)$$

- Prevents numbers being used as channel names.
- Use expectation to enforce stronger properties.

Suppose your process takes a **N** as input but only expects naturals of a certain size.

$$N := \mathbb{N}[j] \mid \operatorname{ch}(N_1, ..., N_k)$$

- Patrick Baillot, Alexei Ghyselen (2020).
- Sized Types for Pi-Calculus Processes:

$$N := \mathbb{N}[e(I), e(J)] \mid \operatorname{ch}(N_1, ..., N_k) \mid \operatorname{serv}(N_1, ..., N_k)$$

- If you can sucessfully give a BG-type to the names in a process using the typing rules, then a bound on the size of $\mathbb N$ passed as well as on the total number of reduction steps is guaranteed.
- With polynomial expressions for e, we can create polytime processes.

SAFE RECURSION!

Demangeon, Yoshida (2021).

Typing system which separates normal values and safe values!

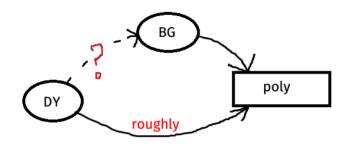
•
$$N := \mathbb{N}_{normal} \mid \mathbb{N}_{safe} \mid ch(N_1, ..., N_k)$$

• Any process which can be typed in the DY system is guaranteed to compute only polynomial-time functions and have polynomial reduction steps (roughly).

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[x = 0] \bar{r} \langle y \rangle +
[x = s(x')]vc(\overline{add}\langle x', y, c\rangle \mid c(v)\overline{r}\langle s(v)\rangle)
x: \mathbb{N}_{normal}
y:\mathbb{N}_{safe}
r: ch(\mathbb{N}_{safe})
c:ch(\mathbb{N}_{safe})
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add: $(\mathbb{N}_{normal}, \mathbb{N}_{safe}, ch(\mathbb{N}_{safe}))$

Idea: Take any process that can be DY-typed, and give it a BG-typing.



 General procedure that would work for any process, giving a proof of the DY to BG translation.

Some problems: BG is unable to handle some types of processes.
 Characterize classes?

What about PSPACE?

Thank You!